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## National Leadership Conference

Missouri joined the rest of the nation in June/July at the 2006 NLC in Nashville, Tennessee. Over 230 members gathered for the event.

At the Opening Session, members from across the nation were able to listen to the real Coach Carter give his amazing and truly inspirational speech. In addition to attending competitive events and workshops, members and advisers explored the endless Gaylord Opryland Resort day and night. Everyone was also able to keep entertained with the nearby Mills Mall and the Grand Ole Opry.

Missouri was well represented at the awards ceremony the night of July 2. All Missouri winners are listed on page 2 of this newsletter. Congratulations to each winner! You did a fantastic job



representing your proud state, and I encourage you to work hard again this year to keep up the fine tradition of success that we've come to enjoy in Missouri.

Holding the second largest membership in the nation gives Missouri FBLA something to celebrate as we make our way into a new exciting year. Let's try for first for 2006-07!

Ready for another National opportunity? The National Fall Leadership Conference is scheduled for November 3-4 in Denver, Colorado. We are looking forward to an exciting conference and hope that you all make plans to attend.

## Officer Leadership Conference

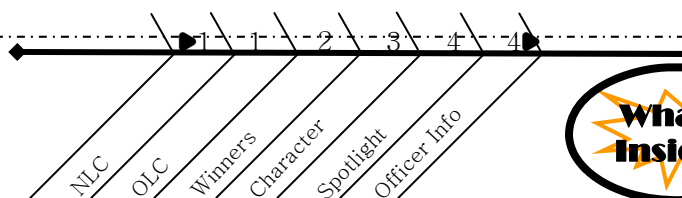
The Summer Officer Leadership Conference was held in Columbia, Missouri, at the Holiday Inn Select July 30-August 1. Over 550 attendees from 86 chapters were present for leadership training and networking. Topics included how to perform in various officer positions, character education, fundraising, state service projects, and personality types.

YourNextSpeaker, LLC, led students in leadership development activities. From handshakes and flow charts to amazing stories, these speakers covered it all. Leaving this conference we all felt more accomplished, prepared, and ready to lead.

As is customary, many revisions were voted on by districts. They align Missouri with the National FBLA changes for the upcoming year, including the addition of several new events. A special thanks to all those who made this conference a grand success.

### HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Chapter News is due to Kayla Graviett by November 1. Remember that signed permission forms must be included for all photographs (for each person, identified or not). The form can be downloaded from the Missouri FBLA website.  
<http://dese.mo.gov/divcareer/fbla.htm>  
Click "Forms"



**What's Inside?**

*"The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do, well."*

—Henry W. Longfellow

Success is Our Business

# 2006 FBLA National Competitive Event Winners



## State Chapter Awards

2<sup>nd</sup> Largest State Chapter Membership (14,673 members)

## National Awards

1 <sup>st</sup>	Business Plan Project	Chris Palisch, Chelsea Morton; Jackson
1 <sup>st</sup>	Partnership with Business Project	Lauren Law, Kalli Gibbs; Jackson
1 <sup>st</sup>	Word Processing 1	Andrea Herington; Brookfield
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Business Law	Michelle Wright; Santa Fe
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Job Interview	Lauren Howard; North Callaway
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Business Ethics	Caroline Gear, Charlie Stevens; Kickapoo
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Emerging Business Issues	Garrett Coffman, Abby Grimmett, Samantha Wilkerson; Paris
3 <sup>rd</sup>	International Business	John McNeil; Farmington
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Partnership with Business Project	Suzanne Reischman, Katherine Reischman, Zach Wachter; Chaffee
4 <sup>th</sup>	Business Calculations	Caleb Bennett; Osceola
4 <sup>th</sup>	Marketing	Adam Brown; Cassville
5 <sup>th</sup>	Business Procedures	Brandon Robinson; Joplin Franklin Tech Center
5 <sup>th</sup>	Computer Applications	Krystle Stark; North Mercer
5 <sup>th</sup>	Computer Concepts	Clayton Rothschild; Kickapoo
5 <sup>th</sup>	Multimedia Presentation	Sean Levy, Jared Alexander; Kickapoo
5 <sup>th</sup>	Parliamentary Procedure	Katie Patton, Jonathan Arnold, Gallatin; Sandra Anderson, Gainesville; Sarah Sutterer, Jackson; Catie LiaBraaten, Spokane
6 <sup>th</sup>	Public Speaking II	Hattie Rains; Gallatin
7 <sup>th</sup>	Local Annual Business Report	Hillary Jordan; Jackson
8 <sup>th</sup>	FBLA Principles & Procedures	Jacob Caughron; Hale
8 <sup>th</sup>	Virtual Basic Programming	Ben Chocie; Oak Park
9 <sup>th</sup>	Banking & Financial Systems	Brandon Laughridge; Oak Park
9 <sup>th</sup>	Community Service Project	Ryan Roth, Andrew Lorenz, Tyler Holman; Jackson
9 <sup>th</sup>	FBLA Principles & Procedures	Pananya Kamkourkong; Eldon
9 <sup>th</sup>	Network Design	Brian Cones, Daniel Shadrack; Lebanon
9 <sup>th</sup>	Technology Concepts	Jacob Brown; Van Buren
10 <sup>th</sup>	Accounting II	Satyam Sthapit; Kickapoo
10 <sup>th</sup>	Computer Concepts	Aaron Hudspeth; Lee's Summit North

## DATES TO NOTE

October 7—Worlds of Fun Day (Kansas City)  
October 14—Six Flags Day (St. Louis)  
November 1—Chapter News Deadline  
November 3-4—NFLC in Denver, CO  
February 11-17—National FBLA-PBL Week

## Who's Who FBLA

Chelsea Morton, Jackson

## Outstanding Local Adviser

Kathryn McCormack, South Callaway

## Open Events

1<sup>st</sup> Digital Tools, Aaron Hudspeth, Lee's Summit North  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cisco, Nathaniel Burger, South Technical

# Character Counts

This year's FBLA officer team set a year long goal for the entire state. We believe that character in students is extremely important, and we challenge you to implement character education projects within your school to help students grow in character. To assist you, we have selected a word for each month to guide your "Character Counts" endeavor. The first two months are citizenship and trustworthiness.

Be sure to share your success stories with us!

## Who's the Boss?

I, like many of you, am from a small town. The population of my hometown is less than 1,800. In my rural county, there are approximately 5,400 people registered to vote, but the turnout for the last election was only about 1,500. I have to wonder why anyone would not exercise their right to vote, especially in today's crazy world. Now more than ever, we must choose our leaders carefully and send them a message about how we feel via the ballot box. If you can vote, I strongly encourage you to do so. For those of us who cannot yet vote (myself included), encourage your friends and neighbors to do so. As a chapter, hold mock elections at your local elementary school as November approaches, or hold a Red, White, and Blue Day and have everyone wear patriotic colors. Democracy allows us to hire or fire public officials based on their performance. Voting is awesome, because it allows the citizens to be the boss. The character trait for October is citizenship, so do your part to make the system work!

Submitted by:  
Jonathan Arnold, State Parliamentarian



We wish you all the best of luck  
making your *Character Count*!  
-Your Missouri State Officers



## In Whom Do We TRUST?

Being a companion to anyone comes with responsibility. You are the person whom others come to for a shoulder to cry on, laughter to spread, and secrets to share. More than anything, honesty in any relationship is a key concept to a successful friendship. Trustworthiness is the dependability that you will always be there for the one in need of you. For November, I challenge you to create better friendships with those you may normally not spend time with, extend your trustworthiness to those around you and become a more dependable friend to those with whom you are already close. Do one extra thing each week to prove your trustworthiness and spread it to others. To better your friendships, trustworthiness is the true key.

Submitted by: Kayla Graviett, State Reporter

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# **Officer Spotlight**

## **KAYLA GRAVIETT, REPORTER**

Hello Missouri Future Business Leaders!

I am Kayla Graviett, your State Reporter/Historian. Being a senior in high school has made me realize how fast time flies and how to cherish the best moments. Thanks to you, I am able to have great memories with FBLA and my fellow officer team. This summer has been full of excitement and activities. The Summer Executive Leadership Conference was tons of fun, and I hope that those of you who attended had as much fun as I did.

Staying active in school and with other outside activities is a major part of my life. I play the piano, read books, love my puppies, and baby-sit anytime I'm free. I absolutely love children and hope to become an elementary school teacher one day for kindergarten through third grade. Eventually, I plan to become principal and finally superintendent. Thanks to this organization, I believe these dreams will come true. FBLA has given me great confidence in myself, and I am sure that it has done the same for many of you.

This school year has already been filled to its limits for me with our school play *Out of the Frying Pan and into the Oven*, volleyball, cheerleading, Senior Beta, and of course FBLA. I am definitely keeping busy and can't wait to see some of you soon at the National Fall Leadership Conference.



## **JONATHAN ARNOLD, PARLIAMENTARIAN**

Greetings, Missouri FBLA!

In serving as your 2006-2007 Missouri FBLA Parliamentarian, I am the first state officer from Gallatin High School. As a senior I also serve as the Gallatin Local Chapter President and District 1 Vice-President. I was also on the Missouri Parliamentary Procedure Team which placed 5<sup>th</sup> at NLC last summer.



I first got involved in FBLA as a freshman to explore and find out what the organization had to offer. After qualifying for NLC that year in Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure, I realized the fantastic opportunities available to FBLA members. I ran for chapter office, and later district and state office.

As your State Parliamentarian this year, I look forward to promoting positive character traits, recruiting new members, and promoting the understanding and use of parliamentary procedure.